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TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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- At 7:45 a.m. on 17 July 1951, two planes of the alert flight took off from Brandenburg-Briest airfield and shortly thereafter landed. After the two planes landed 36 MiG-15s took off individually or in formations of two and then landed. At 9:40 a.m., the field was occupied by 20 MiG-15s including two of the alert flight. Since no flying was observed at the field on 16 July, source believed that the 36 MiG-15s which were seen taking off on 17 July had arrived at the airfield during the night of 16 July. *
- Flying activity observed at the field from 18 to 20 July included:

Date	Flying Activity	Aircraft
18 July	Individual flying from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	about 12 to 14 MiG-15s one after the other
	Night flying from 8:40 p.m. to 0:30 a.m.	
19 July	Individual take-offs from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	about 12 to 14 planes
20 July	Individual flights from 8:40 a.m.	
	Landing 10:12 a.m.	MiG-15 No 558, red number
	Landing 10:14 a.m.	MiG-15 No 527, black number, red stripe on rudder assembly
	Dive attack 10:20 a.m.	MiG-15 No 957
	Landing 10:22 a.m.	MiG-15 No 957

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Flying Activity</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
20 July	Landing 10:24 a.m.	MIg-15 No 216, red number
	Landing 10:30 a.m.	MIg-15 No 947 and 1 other MIg-15
	Landing 10:37 a.m.	2 MIg-15s
	Landing 10:44 a.m.	MIg-15 No 594, red number, and No 507, black number with red strips on rudder assembly
	Landing 10:46 a.m.	MIg-15 No 551, red number

Only two MIg-15s with black numbers and marked with red stripes on their rudder assemblies were observed. All the other planes had red numbers but no markings on their rudder assemblies. **

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3. On 1 August, the field was occupied by 25 to 30 MIg-15s. There was no flying. The planes which were covered with tarpaulins were parked in front of the flight control building and on the northern edge of the field. One of the planes had the red number 30. The planes were either silver gray, or light blue. Tank truck E 5-33-25 and truck E 5-33-41 were seen. A radio installation with four masts was observed about 250 meters west of the road running along the western edge of the field. ***
4. On 2 August, 16 MIg-15s and 2 biplanes were parked at the eastern edge of the field. There was no flying.

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Comment. The information that a fighter regiment from some other airfield was temporarily stationed at Brandenburg-Priest airfield has not been confirmed by other sources. The field is occupied by a fighter regiment which belongs to the fighter division whose other two fighter regiments are stationed in Koethen.

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** Comment. The system applied for the numbering of the aircraft of the fighter regiment has not been determined. Most of the aircraft have red numbers of the 500 series and 300 series of which 18 and 10 numbers respectively have been observed.

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* Comment. The radio installation is an Adcock DF station.

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